









...if you like emotional books













A heart-warming story of friendship as Bee is taught to swim by Moon-Star, who wants to learn how to read.



SIX TO READ...



Jewel's younger brother John (Bird) died young, and her grandfather blames himself. When she finds a mysterious boy in her tree, Jewel learns who to trust...

Ira and Zac are lookedafter children, living in an orphanage; they hope to be adopted. A ghost called Glenda gives them hope...



Auggie looks different to everybody else, and is starting school for the first time. The story is written from lots of perspectives, helping Auggie to overcome his difficulties.



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Cymbeline can't swim, so when he falls into a pool his mother suffers a breakdown. How is this linked to his father's death? And why won't anyone tell him anything?



Mouse and his family are involved in a car crash on Christmas Eve. While his family struggle, Mouse is helped by his toys and imagination - but can he find his family?











...if you like humorous books











When a shooting star crashes into Elliott's barn, it starts an adventure of a lifetime as Olympian Gods try to help him and his poorly mum. Hilarious and touching.



SIX TO READ...



Rory Rooney falls into a river on a school trip, and is shocked when he turns green. Is this the start of his superpowers? But why has his nemesis turned green as well?

Fidge kicks her little sister's toy into the road, unleashing a ludicrous and madcap imaginary world where toys speak in rhyming couplets and nothing makes sense!



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It's the end of chocolate! However, foul play is suspected by Jelly and her Grandma, and they set out to determine who is really to blame - and to stop the end of chocolate.



Luke goes for a wee, missing the moment an alien arrives and gives his brother Zach superpowers. When Zach goes missing, Luke has to save him in order to save the world!

Dan Hope's dad has left home, but he thinks he can track him down. With the help of his older sister, Grace, he learns the importance of family - a warm tale of everyday life.















IN THE













Ade lives with his mum at the top of a tower block. His mum prefers staying inside to going outdoors. But when tower blocks start to fall and menacing plants begin to grow, what will Ade do?



SIX TO READ...



Will Stanton is the seventh son of a seventh son, and learns he is a guardian against the evil of The Dark. Can he accept this responsibility? Will his decisions be the right ones?

There was a hand In the darkness, and it held a knife.

So begins The Graveyard Book, a story that starts with Bod escaping death, growing up with ghosts and wondering about revenge.



Fliss and her class go on a school trip to Whitby, staying in a hotel where there is no room 13. But at midnight, the room next to room 12 seems to come alive - who, or what, is in there?



...if You like stories of suspense



When he moves house, Michael finds someone - or something - living in the shed. He lives on beer and Chinese food, but there is something different about him, something unexplained...



The watertower looms over the boys' town of Preston, and Bubba is dared to go swimming in it. What are the noises he can hear? Where has Bubba's friend, Spike, gone?











W ... THE BUBBLE BOD

...if you want to read schoolbased stories





LOUIS SACHAR







Two stories combine as Alex, who suffers with OCD, is bullied by Dan, who is struggling with his brother's sudden absence. The boys are brought together, but can they learn to put up with one another?



SIX TO READ...



When the science fair comes around, a class of boys are disappointed that they won't be exploding things, or dissecting animals. Instead, they have to look after sacks of flour, learning important lessons along the way.

Mr Terupt takes over a class of children who are all very different, and don't get along. Told from 7 different perspectives, find out the impact a great teacher can have!



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Suzy's best friend dies during the school holidays, leading Suzy to confront their failed friendship as she tries to deal with grief. Themes of bullying, trust and growing up create a fascinating story.

LOUIS SACHAR Bra



Bradley Chalkers hates school, and he feels school hates him. He can't make friends, and a counsellor tries to help him. Bradley slowly begins to learn what it means to be a true friend, but is it too late?

Told through a range of poems, the story of Davey and Sam's growing friendship explores themes of trust, friendship and popularity.















BOY

...if you like adventure and mystery











Matthew suffers with OCD, rendering him housebound. He passes the time observing his neighbours, and, when a toddler goes missing, he could be the key to solving his disappearance.



SIX TO READ...



Lily's life is in danger, her father is missing, and she is being hunted by silver-eyed men. She is plunged into a frightening world, aided by Malkin, a mechanical fox, and Robert. the clockmaker's son.

Lying awake at night, Tom hears the clock strike twelve...then thirteen. He investigates, leading him to a secret and mysterious garden that only he can enter.



like adventure and mystery



Ted and Kat watch their cousin Salim board the London Eye, but when he doesn't get off again they have to solve the mystery of his disappearance. A real page-turner.

Brian's plane crashes in the Canadian wilderness. and when the pilot dies, he is left to fend for himself, armed only with a hatchet. A gripping tale of survival and mental strength.





Alice is sent to a strict, eccentric boarding school where she meets new friends. After receiving a mysterious letter from her father, she sets off across the Scottish highlands in order to meet him.











...if you want to learn about global issues













Pascal's life changes when rebels storm his village and he ends up working on a cocoa plantation. He hatches a plan to escape but knows that if he is caught it could mean death.



SIX TO READ...



A powerful story, told through a graphic novel and based on real events. Ebo wants to reach Europe, so has to pay to cross the Sahara, and to board a dinghy to sail across the Mediterranean.

Budi works in Indonesia's capital, Jakarta, stitching footballs. He dreams of one day playing in the Premier League, but when a mistake leads him to owing money to a criminal, his life and dreams are at risk.



...if you want to learn about global issues



As war breaks out in Ethiopia, Alem's father takes him on holiday in England. However, his dad leaves him there and applies for asylum, and Alem is alone in a foreign land, lonely and lost.

Three boys live on a rubbish dump, picking through trash to earn a living. When one of them finds something valuable, it changes their lives forever...but who else is looking for it?

Told from the perspective of a young child, this stunning picture book follows the journey of a young family as they flee their home , looking for a safer place to live.















THE LEGEND OF

KIERAN LARWOOD

...if you like stories about animals









Varjak lives in an old house and has never left home until he learns about The Way, a secret martial art for cats. He has to use his new skills to survive against dogs, gangs and the mysterious Vanishings...



Darkus has to find his missing father, and when a stag beetle crawls up his trouser leg and starts to communicate with him, he is propelled into the adventure of a lifetime.



A wonderful adventure that sees Podkin's warren attacked by the Gorm, a ruthless army of mutant rabbits. Podkin must protect his family with the help of his sister Paz.



SIX TO READ...

...if you like stories

about animals



Kester is living in quarantine, and is rudely awoken by pigeons and cockroaches. He learns he can speak to animals - and it is up to him to protect them all before it is too late.



When Peter and his pet fox Pax are separated, both wish to be reunited with the other. A moving tale of love and loss as alternating chapters tell their stories.



A classic animal story, following the misadventures of Mole, Rat, Toad and Badger. They get into lots of trouble and have to learn to work together to protect what they have.





LOVE THAT DOG

SIX TO READ...

IF YOU

LIKE POETRY





















Jack hates poetry, but his teacher, Miss Stretchberry, keeps setting poetry tasks. Told through a combination of diaries and poems, follow Jack's journey of love, dogs and poetry.



LOVE THAT DOG

SIX TO READ...



A superb collection of a range of poetry from Carol Ann Duffy, the former children's poet laureate. Lots of different poetic styles to be explored and enjoyed.

An award-winning collection of poems from Karl Nova, a hip hop artist. Rhythm and Poetry (Rap) explores his childhood and how words and poetry have become so important to him.



A wonderful,

thought-provoking collection of poems from Joseph Coelho, using his childhood growing up in a towerblock as inspiration. Illustrated by Kate Milner.



...IF YOU LIKE POETRY



Josh, a talented basketball player, is twin to Jordan together, the boys are brilliant, but when a girl comes between them, it threatens their team. A story told in free verse.



A beautifully illustrated book of 'spells', calls to nature that help us to remember plants and animals that are in danger of being forgotten. Brilliant language and acrostic poetry.











RUNDELL

...if you want to travel the world









Kate DiCamillo



Four children are stranded in the depths of the Amazon jungle, and only have each other's wits to help them survive. That is, until the meet the explorer, a man of mystery, intrigue and a bit of a temper...



When protests go too far in Sam and Tash's Tibetan home, they make the lifechanging decision to flee to neighbouring India to enlist the help of the Dalai Lama. An unforgettable adventure awaits...



Follow Ha's journey from South Vietnam, a place ravaged by war, to the safety and blandness of Alabama, USA. Told in a poetic style, this story is moving and thoughtful.



SIX TO READ...

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world



Set in the Philippines, Ami lives on Culion Island, inhabited by lepers. The evil Mr Zamora appears to separate Ami from her family, but she is determined to make her way home...



This story follows Omar and is family in the city of Bosra, Syria. When war breaks out, they have no choice but to flee, embarking on a journey fraught with danger - but is anywhere safe?

Raymio Nightingalo

Kate DiCamillo

Set in the USA, Raymie is determined to bring her dad back home, and enlists the help of Louisiana and Beverly. The three girls form an unlikely friendship in a tale of hope, loneliness and loss.













MICHELLE MAGORIAN

GOODNIGHT MISTER ...if you like stories about war









When Olive and Cliff are separated from their older sister, Sukie, they move to Devon. Here they learn of secret letters that are both mysterious and dangerous but how are they linked to Sukie?



SIX TO READ...



Based on a soldier's diary from WW1, the French illustrator Barroux shows the hardships and difficulties of life in the trenches.

A story of evacuation as Nick, Carrie and Albert are sent to Wales. Mr Evans is not the kindest carer, and Carrie tries to help him...but was it the right decision?



Willie is evacuated and lives with Mr Tom, where the two learn to love and get along. But when Willie is sent back to London, Mr Tom is worried about his wellbeing, and sets off to find him.



...if you like stories about war



A story of survival in London during the days of the Blitz. Bill should have been evacuated, but decides to stay in London with Julie - can the two survive the horrors of war together?



Told from the point of view of Felix, a Jewish Polish boy who doesn't understand why his parents' books are being burned. An adventure full of heart, based on real events in WWII.









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...if you enjoy history





ELOISE WILLIAMS









The story of the Gunpowder Plot, seen through the eyes of 12-year -old Tom. Can he trust the Falcon, a man who promises to help save his father from hanging?



SIX TO READ...



Based on a true story, two tales in Sudan (one from 1985 and one from 2008) show the hardship of war and survival. The stories interconnect to show the lasting impact of war.

Read the inspirational stories of women who changed the world we live in: athletes, scientists, mathematicians, authors and much more, all beautifully illustrated.



...if you enjoy history



Relive the expedition of Ernest Shackleton, a man who dreamed of crossing Antarctica. Tales of bravery and desperation alongside some amazing artwork from William Grill.

Set in Victorian-era Cardiff, Nansi is surviving life as an orphan by working for the merciless Sid. She learns Sid is keeping secrets about her past from her, but dare she confront him?





Set in London, 1922, Lilian finds a parcel from a famous Egyptologist who has just been found dead. The package holds the key to a curse, and to the mystery of a king's undiscovered tomb...











...if you like magic









Twister is named after a storm, and she is a force of nature herself. When she searches for her missing dad, she encounters black magic and ghosts, as well as being the target of a violent classmate.



Fionn sets about meeting his destiny as the keeper of the storm, a post held by his grandad. Can he tame the weather? Can he overcome his fear of water? And can he stop others taking his rightful position?



When he receives tickets for the circus on his birthday, Ned doesn't anticipate being swallowed by a world of magical creatures; one which he has to help to save.



SIX TO READ...



Eska escapes from the evil Ice Queen, but must convince the tribes of Erkenwald to work together in order to bring an end to her tyrannical rule. A wild adventure full of magic.





Daniel enters a shop he's never seen before - and realises there is much more to it than meets the eye. Run by a magician, Mr Silver, the shop is the envy of the evil Vindictus Sharpe. Can Daniel help to outrun danger?



Morrigan Crow is a cursed child, and, when she dies, is swept into a new world by Jupiter, a magician. Morrigan faces lots of tests of character and learns what true love really means.









From the author of Yarjak Paw



...if you

like science

fiction













Lucky dreams the stars are singing to him - why else does his body feel so hot? When he is forced to flee his home planet, he arms himself with a weapon and some new friends, starting a quest on an epic scale.



Meg needs to find her scientist father who has mysteriously gone missing. With her little brother Charles and friend Calvin, Meg travels by tesseract, a wrinkle in space-time, on a treacherous journey that leads them into space...



Set during a time when there is a war for water, Auden Dare moves to a new town and quickly discovers something extraordinary - but can he, and his new friend Vivi, keep it a secret for long?



SIX TO READ...



Maisie Day wakes up on her birthday full of excitement but something is wrong: her family are missing. When she steps outside, her home is surrounded by a black void. A mind-bending adventure to really get you thinking.



Liam is abnormally tall. Super-tall. So tall he can pass for an adult. He enters a competition to travel into space, and what follows is a cosmic journey in more ways than one.



George is swept through space by a scientist, his daughter, and a supercomputer named Cosmos. A fast-paced, epic adventure that is full of fascinating information about our universe.

...if you

like science

fiction





Armin Greder





...if you love picturebooks









Cry, Heart, But Never Break Glenn Ringtved Illustrated by Charlotte Pardi





Jerome collects words - all kinds of words, from unusual to new, funnysounding and familiar. He collects them all carefully, but more importantly, learns to share them too.



SIX TO READ...



A young boy wants to make a clone of himself, and then takes us on a journey of what makes him *him.* This book will help you to reflect on what makes you unique and special.

Armin Greder

When a stranger arrives on the island, washed onto the shore, the inhabitants must decide what they should do with him. What follows might shock you, and will certainly make you think.



A girl tries to steal a woman's handbag, but is stopped. She is forced to make a promise, and in carrying it out, tries to bring life back to her mean city.

When a wolf extinguishes the fire that keeps the village warm, Arthur decides that he is brave enough to defeat the wolf and save his home. Is he brave enough? Or is the key to success something else?



Death visits a family as a grandmother is taken ill. The grandchildren try to stop Death from taking her away, but he patiently and lovingly explains what his job is, and why death is a part of life.



...if you love picturebooks