



Year 4 Booklist 2016

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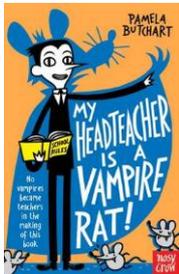
P = Picture Book for Older Readers



Bass, Guy - The Legend of Frog

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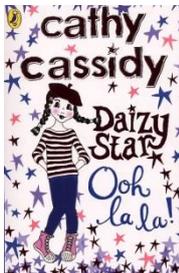
First in a new series from this popular author. A fantasy tale featuring the Frog Prince. Plenty of humour and an eye catching front cover.



Butchart, Pamela - My Headteacher is a Vampire Rat!

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An award winning author and someone to watch. Great humour. Aliens are taking over the school but can the pupils save the day?



Cassidy, Cathy - Daizy series

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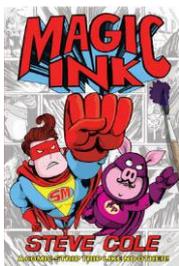
Daizy is in Yr 6 and is constantly on the look out for her hidden talent. Start the series with 'Shine On Daizy Star'. Good for a school and family setting.



Cheshire, Simon - SWARM series

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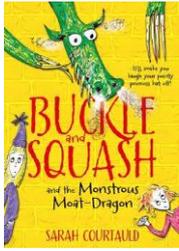
The Secret Intelligence Agency has got in on electronic gadgetry and is employing micro-robotic insects as spies. This series are marvellous page turners, full of suspense.



Cole, Steve - Magic Ink

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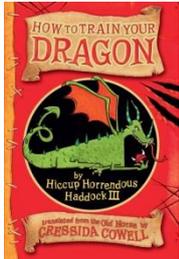
Superheroes, comic characters, King Arthur and a talking pig are the ingredients for this entertaining story. Read the first couple of pages to get a taste of the book complete with ink splodges and inventive spelling!



Courtauld, Sarah - Buckle and Squash and the Monstrous Meat-Dragon

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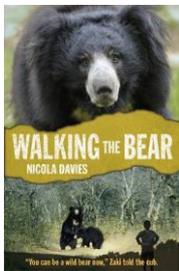
This story has 2 terrific girl characters, a truly evil villain and a narrator with attitude. Be prepared for fun, dragons, goats and a squash buckling adventure.



Cowell, Cressida - How to Train your Dragon series

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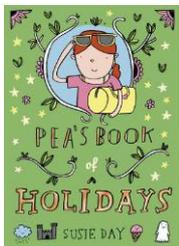
The first in the series and now available as 2 films. Meet the dragon-flying Vikings as their greatest leader Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III recounts his teenage years as he learnt to become a great leader. Great for descriptive language, humour and PSHE themes.



Davies, Nicola - Walking the Bear (and other titles)

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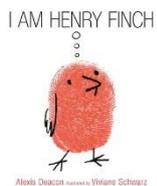
A zoologist by trade, this author has a range of animal stories and non fiction titles to enthral you with. Look out for Whale Boy which was shortlisted for the Blue Peter Book Award 2014.



Day, Susie - Pea's Book of Holidays

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Warm family stories full of quirky characters, gentle wit and humour. In this title, the family camp at Corfe Castle, Enid Blyton's inspiration for a Famous Five adventure and end up with a mystery to solve.



Deacon, Alexis - I am Henry Finch

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This is a book about Henry the finch who wants more out of life and recognition too. He makes a mistake and then gets things right and everything turns out unexpectedly well. Henry does a lot of thinking!



Donbavand, Tommy - Fangs Vampire Spy series

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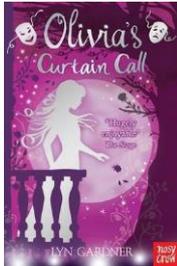
Start this fun series with 'Operation: Golden Bum'. Agent Enigma protects monsters helped by his sidekick Agent Brown. Lots of fun with comic style illustrations accompanying the text.



Duddle, Jonny - The King of Space

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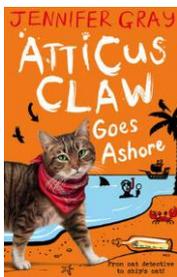
This author won the Hampshire Illustrated Book Award 2013 with 'The Pirates Next Door'. Great picturebooks which have lots of detail to pore over.



Gardner, Lyn - Olivia series

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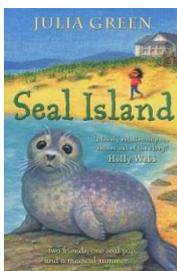
Start this 'Stage School' series with 'Olivia's First Term'. Olivia has been sent to stage school and these are her adventures which also link to various stage productions eg Peter Pan. A modern day Malory Towers.



Gray, Jennifer - Atticus Claw series

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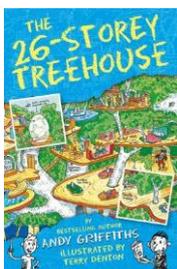
In 'Atticus Claw Breaks the Law' this cat burglar has to decide which side of the law he wants to be on. Follow his antics in the rest of the series.



Green, Julia - Seal Island

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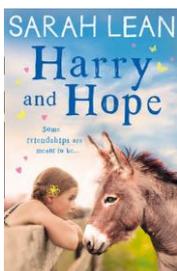
Set on the Isle of Wight, Grace is visiting her Granny on her own. She soon becomes enchanted with the wildlife, makes a new friend Col and learns about the close knit community that makes the island special.



Griffiths, Andy - The 26-Storey Treehouse and others

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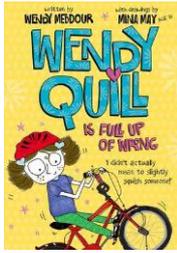
Andy and Terry have doubled their treehouse which now includes a 78 flavours ice-cream parlour run by a robot called Edward Scooperhands. The story is told in cartoons and writing, has wide appeal and is very funny.



Lean, Sarah - Harry and Hope

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A gentle evocation of Hope's need to come to terms with the departure of her Mum's boyfriend. Frank left Hope in charge of Harry, but it is through her growing understanding and empathy with a difficult donkey that Hope learns about herself and her mother.



Meddour, Wendy - Wendy Quill series

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Roll with laughter as Wendy talks about school and the production of Peter Pan. Great illustrations accompany the text drawn by the author's daughter.



Morris, Jackie - Song of the Golden Hare

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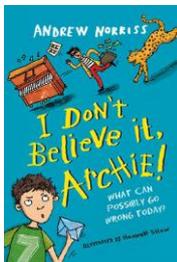
Beautiful illustrations are a trademark of this author. Great for animal lovers and look out for her other titles.



Murphy, Jill - The Worst Witch and the Wishing Star

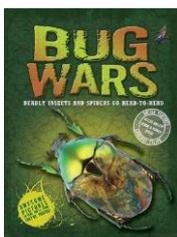
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A forerunner of Harry Potter, this series is celebrating 40 years with a new title. Mildred struggles with her studies at Miss Cackle's Academy for Witches. When a wish is granted it lands her in even more trouble with the Head Mistress!



Norriss, Andrew - Archie series

Archie is very accident prone and it takes school a while to get used to this. Great fun as one disaster follows another. Look out for the sequel and then try some of the other titles by this Hampshire writer.



Parker, Steve - Bug Wars

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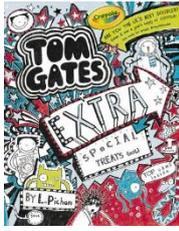
This is a must for fans of Top Trumps as insects are pitted against each other in deadly battles of survival. The photography is terrific and it's a great way of considering adaptations and characteristics of the insect world.



Parker, Steve - Eagle (Animal Diaries series)

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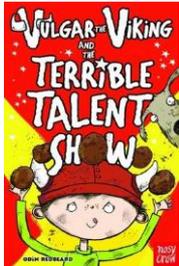
This non fiction title looks at the habitat and life of an eagle in a diary format. Enjoy the other animals in the series: Penguin, Lion, Frog and Spider.



Pichon, Liz - Tom Gates series

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Multi award winning author. Hugely successful series that has you laughing out loud. The UK version of a 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid'. Great for all fans of doodling.



Redbeard, Odin - Vulgar the Viking series

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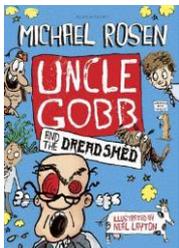
Start the series with 'Vulgar the Viking and the Rock cake Raiders'. Great fun as Vulgar is in training to be a real Viking.



Riddell, Chris - Goth Girl series

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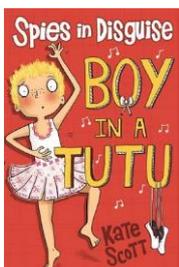
Winner of the Costa prize with the first in the series, the current Children's Laureate has produced 3 in this series. Remarkable for the illustration and the mash-up of Gothic genre, literary puns and modern life they are all fun, playful reads.



Rosen, Michael - Uncle Gobb and the Dread Shed

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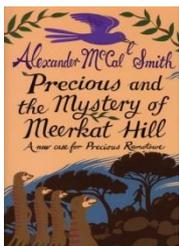
An ordinary 10 year old boy discovers that his ordinary school is suddenly changing and not for the better. Worse than that his Uncle is behind these changes. Beware, this story includes baked beans.



Scott, Kate - Boy in a Tutu

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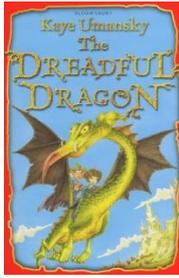
Sam and Joe are in the end of term's ballet show with Joe deep undercover which means he plays the prima ballerina. This spy series includes gadgets, villains and some hilarious moves.



Smith, Alexander McCall - Precious and Akimbo series

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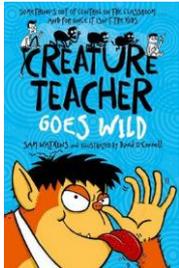
Writer of the adult 'No 1 Ladies' Detective Agency' this is Precious as a child embarking on her detective career. The Akimbo series is also set in Africa on the edge of a large game reserve. Great for animal lovers.



Umansky, Kaye - The Dreadful Dragon

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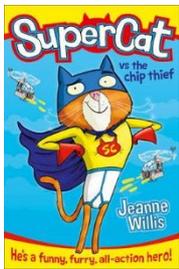
Ronald the Magnificent is having a hard time at Wizard school. Will his new pet increase his popularity or land him in more trouble? Very funny and a great introduction to the author's 'Pongwiffy' series.



Watkins, Sam - Creature Teacher series

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The new teacher Mr Hyde is a vast improvement – young, enthusiastic and a foil to the dreadful Head Teacher, but there is something unusual about him. When he gets upset he transforms into a badly behaved monster. Can you imagine the fun?

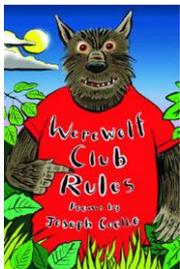


Willis, Jeanne - SuperCat vs the Chip Thief

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Perfect combination of fun and adventure. Tiger aka Supercat is on the hunt for Count Backwards. The first in a great new series by this popular author.

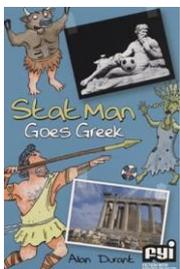
Pacy Reads



Coelho, Joseph - Werewolf Club Rules

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This poet is a performance poet so you will find a good range of funny and moving poems here set in school and family life. There are tips about what not to do at Werewolf Club eg don't talk about it or howl about it. It delights in wordplay and was shortlisted for Clippa 2015.



Durant, Alan - Stat Man goes Greek Fiction with stacks of facts series

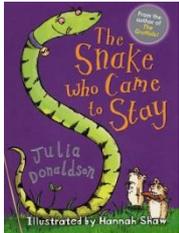
A great combination of fiction and facts. There is a whole series of these books. Read and be inspired.



Hartley, Steve - Oliver Fibbs

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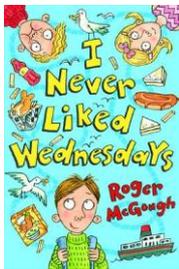
For fans of 'Tom Gates' and the 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid', try 'Oliver Fibbs'. He is in Year 6 and is excellent at making up stories. All the class are riveted every Monday waiting for the next instalment.



Little Gems series

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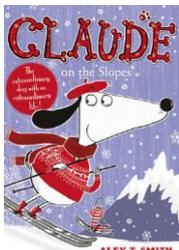
Great short stories from award winning authors, Julia Donaldson, Michael Morpurgo, Malorie Blackman, Ian Beck etc



McGough, Roger - I Never Liked Wednesdays

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A Barrington Stoke title from a wonderful wordsmith so ideal for struggling readers and dyslexics. Two lads decide that they are fed up and plan to run away to sea. The story is set in Liverpool and a funny family setting make it a winner.



Smith, Alexander T - Claude series

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Quirky fun series from this great author. Lovely illustrations accompany the text. Start with 'Claude in the City' and discover that Claude is no ordinary dog. So join him on his adventures.

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